

House Resolution 1504

By: Representative Collins of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Terri Strayhorn; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Terri Strayhorn has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 her commitment to improving the lives of others and her advocacy on behalf of rape
4 survivors; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and energy to
6 Rape Response, Inc., since 1988; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Strayhorn served as a volunteer advocate and agency organizer for four
8 years before she accepted the position as executive director in 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, during her tenure as executive director, Ms. Strayhorn established a hot line to
10 provide rape survivors with access to comprehensive personal services, created the first date
11 rape prevention curriculum in this state, and helped secure the first specialized piece of
12 medical equipment for sexual assault exams for the Northeast Georgia Medical Center; and

13 WHEREAS, she has helped on the state level in crafting legislation which established
14 degrees of rape to provide more appropriate sentencing for offenders, mandated state-wide
15 education on sexual assault in schools, and formed best practices protocols for treatment and
16 support of rape survivors in each judicial circuit; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Strayhorn has been recognized with numerous honors and awards,
18 including the Liberty Bell Award from the Gainesville Bar Association and the Liberty Bell
19 Award from the Georgia Bar Association for her work helping victims who testify against
20 their attackers; and

21 WHEREAS, under her leadership, Rape Response has been recognized as a model sexual
22 assault center for the State of Georgia and has greatly expanded its services to include an

23 aftercare program for survivors and one-day training sessions for law enforcement officers,
24 counselors, teachers, social workers, nurses, and other professionals; and

25 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
26 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
27 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Ms. Terri Strayhorn for her years of efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and recognize the positive impact she
33 has made upon the lives of countless rape survivors.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Terri Strayhorn.